GATOR AID

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"The News of the 4th Dental Battalion"

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24th Dental Company IDTT!!!

24th Dental Company, 24th Dental Company Inspector-Instructors, and selected members of Headquarters and Service Company participated in the annual Company IDTT at Camp Lejuene, NC from 14-18 May, 1998. The 4th Dental Battalion group participated in a Forensic Dentristry Course, an ADEC ADAL Repair Course, Close Order Drill, and patient care. Can you identify the personnel in this picture? For more on the 24th Dental Company IDTT see page 6.

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"Intelligent Foresight"

Captain Mark W. Biolo, DC, USNR
Commanding Officer, 4th Dental Battalion, 4th FSSG

Vision is defined as "Unusual competence in discernment or perception; "intelligent foresight." In organizational development we look at our *Vision* as where we see ourselves going, who we aim to become, what we stand for. Our *Vision* is what we find possible for ourselves.

Printed below is our Vision Statement, a statement of what we, the 4th Dental Battalion, aim to be. It is a lofty, yet achievable goal. Making this vision a reality is no simple task and it demands the effort of each and every member in this command. Carefully review the Vision Statement, keeping in mind our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Be the example of these Core Values, never forgetting our purpose. Constantly ask yourself, "Is what I am doing or about to do consistent with our vision - the highest possible quality of care for our Navy-Marine Corps Team?"

Vision

The 4TH DENTAL BATTALION is recognized as the very best oral health care team in the world, fully trained and ready to provide for the Navy-Marine Corps Team in any environment, any time. This Command is a Learning Organization where every member continually expands his/her ability to shape the future. It is characterized by a culture of commitment based on trust, pride, and enthusiasm.

Mission

We are members of the Navy Medical Department Team. Our mission is to provide quality comprehensive services which:

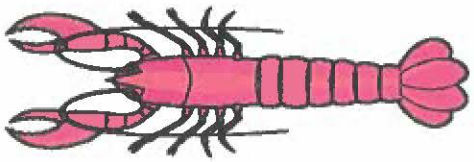
- Provide for a state of optimum oral health and ensure the combat readiness of Navy and Marine Corps personnel.
- Augment the military medical effort, particularly during periods of armed conflict, mass casualty and other contingencies.
- Promote wellness.
- Ensure our team is trained, ready, and equipped to accomplish our mission anyplace, anytime.
- Assess the oral health of the Marine Corps Reserve and assigned Navy personnel.

Guiding Principles

We:

- Create opportunities for people, our greatest resource, to achieve personal excellence.
- Continually improve our ability to shape our future through team learning and system thinking.
- Provide operational unit support by deploying effective oral health care teams and programs.
- Value change, champion innovative thinking and anticipate tomorrow's possibilities.

FROM: THE OPEN CLAW
CAPT MEDICK M. CAPIRANO
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

If you are currently enrolled in an accredited dental school, you may be eligible to apply for the Navy Dental School Inactive Duty Program and several selected Navy Scholarship Programs. The following briefly summarizes several of these programs.

DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM (1925I)

In this program, the dental student gains longevity for both pay and promotion. Success in this program prepares the students for careers as dentists in the multi-specialty group practice environment of Navy Dentistry. Those accepted into this program are commissioned as Officers in the Naval Reserves as Ensigns with appointments as Lieutenants upon entering active duty. The student receives no pay or financial help for dental school, but is allowed to apply for summer active duty training clerkships and attend Officer Training Indoctrination with full Navy pay and allowances. The obligation is 3 years of active duty and 5 years of Naval Reserve commitment.

HEALTH SERVICES COLLEGIATE PROGRAM (HSCP)

In this scholarship-type program opportunity, the dental student receives military pay, allowances and active duty benefits while attending an accredited dental institution. Entry into this program is an E-3 with opportunity for advancement to E-5. Active duty time counts towards retirement and elevates pay upon entry to commissioned service. Participants are commissioned as Lieutenants in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps upon graduation. The obligation is 4 years of active duty and 4 years of Naval Reserve commitment.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP)

This scholarship program offers many financial benefits. Full tuition for each year of program participation, payment of all school required fees and expenses except housing and meals, reimbursement for the cost of required books and equipment, payment of a monthly stipend of approximately $900.00 (subject to taxation and FICA withholding) are all included. Participants are commissioned as an Ensign with appointments as Lieutenants upon entering active duty. The obligation ranges from 3 or 4 years of active duty depending on years of participation and 5 years of Naval Reserve commitment.

From the Goat Locker

By DTCM Jill Fernandez, USNR, Command Master Chief

BRAVO ZULU

Congratulations to DT2 (FMF) John W. Rogers, 4th Dental Company, Detachment 3 who was selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the 4th Dental Battalion.

Congratulations to the following personnel that were selected for advancement.

DT1 Jesus Gonzalez, 4th DENCO H&S
DT1 Steven Williams, 4th DENCO H&S
DT1 Denise Roubik, 14th DENCO DET 4
DT3 Christine Craddick, 14th DENCO DET 4

The 4th and 24th Dental Companies each held 4 day IDTT's this past spring. The 4th in Camp Pendelton and the 24th in Camp Lejeune. I had the pleasure of accompanying the 24th on their 4 days of training, which included forensic dentistry, an ADEC repair course, close order drill and patient care. The training was outstanding and the team spirit the 24th displayed was truly admirable. Congratulations to both companies for jobs well done.

Climbing the Ladder of Success (CPO Manual 1995)

It takes more than luck to get ahead. Look closely at the tips below.

Be a good listener.
Be time-manager.
Be loyal.
Be effecient.
Be aware of your abilities.
Be alert.
Be helpful
Be confident
Be observant.
Be professional.
Be pleasant.
Be dependable.
Be a brain-stormer.
Be enthusiastic.
Be cooperative.
STUDY, STUDY, STUDY FOR THE EXAM.

Studying does not mean the night before, it should be an ongoing process. Take a look at the Dental Assistant Basic and Advanced books, read instructions, know the Navy's classification system. You must hit the books months before the actual exam. Regardless whether they are advancing one or ten, if you fail the exam it will now be reflected in your evaluation/fitrep. Failing the exam once will give you a 3.0 in Rate Knowledge, failing twice drops you down to a 2.0. So as you can see this is pretty serious business. Don't take this lightly, we can all use a pay raise, so study, PNA or advance, but don't sit back.

CPO/LCPO's

Include 1 hour per drill weekend of training for your enlisted troops. Have every unit member participate and present a topic. Believe me, if they don't learn anything else, they will remember the subject they presented. Keep track of each members exam results showing areas of weakness, this will be helpful in determining topics to cover. All CPO/LPO's of each detachment will begin tracking advancement for their enlisted members. This information will be passed to the Company Chief and then sent directly to me. I will need the following information:

Name
Present rate
Failed, PNA, Advanced
Rate of test
Date of test

"10+19+1=$211,483.00"

By LT William J. Hartmann, I&I, 4th Dental Battalion

The above equation looks to the average person as something that couldn't be possible. However, to the 4th Dental Battalion and the Alaskan community they served during Arctic Care 98, it means healthier gums and stronger teeth. The sum of the equation is the cost valued assigned to the 5,135 procedures performed by Battalion Dental Officers. In total numbers this joint service exercise performed 9,617 procedures valued at $405,160.00 during a 15 day AT. The success of this exercise can be attributed to the excellent prior planning performed by CDR Campen (OIC) and DT1 Townsel (I&I). The exercise however wasn't without it's problems. It is very important to remember to develop an After Action report that describes the good and the bad. The After Action report submitted for this exercise was excellent.

Arctic Care 98 suffered through some minor problems with the ADALS and some malfunctions of some of the equipment. However the patients were never held waiting, the personnel improvised with what they had on hand until supplies could be sent. ADALS stocking was good but could've been better. And the T/O should've been 2DT's per DO for proper distribution of manpower assets. Why tell you all this? It's to help you better your next exercise and explain a few things. First, the ADALS and supplies. We realize that most ADALS aren't perfectly stocked and working 100% at any exercise. The stocking of the ADALS is done through the military system of ordering and receiving supplies. Understand that items missing could be on order and not been received prior to the shipment of the ADAL. Why ship it then? Because of numbers needed to meet the exercise season.

Second, the condition of some of the supplies in the ADAL. Let me ask you this, if I were inspecting a box of gloves and found they were becoming brittle during my Pre-LTI, would it be correct to throw the box away and send nothing (gloves out of stock or limited quantity) or send the gloves knowing that some will be thrown away but some will be utilized? I hope most would opt to send the gloves. Also, the quantity of supplies in the ADAL can be in a direct relationship to the stock level or availability in the stock system of that item.

Thirdly; It would be great if a schedule of preventive maintenance could be followed so the state of the equipment could always be ready and in good shape. Well, there is such a schedule for maintenance and it is followed. However, preventive maintenance doesn't prevent breakdown. It only states the condition of the equipment during the time of inspection not a minute after. Again, ordering parts is included in the same system of supply as any other item. Also, sometimes operator error can be a cause to the malfunction of the item. Say (fiction) during an exercise the chair back can't be adjusted, so the personnel decide to force the chair back and break the support arm. Now the chair is back to a better location and is being supported by a leg, box or stand. Kudos for the team right? Never stopped seeing patients and improvised the solution. Except for one problem, who is going to fix this problem now valued at several hundred dollars versus replacing the linking pin (couple of dollars) that caused the problem? So, while the wait is on for parts the ADAL must be put into service to meet another exercise. You can see how the equipment can start to breakdown, and never seem to improve. One must understand that the ADAL can no way be associated with anything in the civilian community especially with what's being utilized out in private practice today. The ADAL is a wartime asset, strictly, and if we assume that it should meet any other type of mission support we will always find something wrong with the ADAL. Making changes to the ADAL is a great idea, did you know that changes are discussed almost daily on how to improve the ADAL. Did you also know that it took 3 years of discussions and evaluation to develop an Humanitarian ADAL? The new ADAL took several years to develop. Why? To meet the future commitments of the mobilization of Medical/Dental Community. It wasn't developed to better support AC-99 or the CAX's, it's to meet the need of the future. Finally, when planning for an exercise remember that; the ADAL will probably be missing some supplies, what are those supplies?; the equipment may have some problems; what is the mission of support we're being task with? Who is the Inspector-Instructor assigned that will help guide me through the planning and execution phase? Record all discrepancies along with the good points in the After Action report.

AC 98 was a success because these concerns were addressed. The list is not all inclusive but for equipment and supply support they're good questions to find answers to. The AC exercise will each year improve a little, as we send different personnel to experience the operation and learn from the past units.

Congratulations to CDR Campen and his team in meeting the AC 98 challenge. One question: Anyone seen the ADALs?

24TH DENTAL COMPANY IDTT

By Captain Dale Nanny, DC, USNR

From 14-17 May 1998 forty three members of the 24th Dental Company and 4th Dental Battalion Headquarters completed an IDTT to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. The four day IDTT was educational and exciting experience for everyone.

CAPT Doug Arendt of the Oral Pathology Department at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology presented a two day intensive Forensic Dentistry Course. Each member gained knowledge in antemortem and post-mortem identification. The Dental Company was divided into six forensic teams to identify the hypothetical plane crash victims. Everyone walked away saying the the Forensic Dentistry Course was a terrific experience. On Saturday ten dental officers of the 24th Dental Company and HQ, 4th Dental Battalion provided patient care to active duty members of the II MEF. The dental technicians were trained in chairside four handed dentistry.

Also on Saturday, an ADAL Mobile Cart Repair and Maintenance Course was presented by the ADEC Corporation. The knowledge gained will be very beneficial to each member who participates in a field exercise. On Sunday Gunny Sargeant Smith refined the 24th Dental Company skills in military close order drill. Also, the goals and mission/vision statements of the 24th Dental and 4th Dental Battalion was thoroughly reviewed. This exercise provided the 24th Dental Company with an opportunity to obtain basic skills in forensic dentistry, ADAL Mobile Dental Cart Repair, and military discipline. Also, the members attended a social event sponsored by CAPT Steve Creal, CO, 24th Dental Company, and CAPT Dale Nanny, XO, 24th Dental Company. On Saturday evening CDR Floyd Campen contracted a Carolina Pig Roast (head included) which was sponsored by the dental officers of the 24th Dental Company.

A special thanks should go CAPT Doug Arnedt(AFIP Instructor), CDR Floyd Campen, CDR Doug Glesmann, Mr. Fred Otjen (ADEC Representative) and REDCOM 8 for organizing and sponsoring the 4 days of intensive training.

CDR Black (foreground), DT2 Scarborough, CDR Campen, DT1 Overacker, (left), and DTC Browne (background) at Forensics Course.

14TH DENTAL COMPANY UPDATE

By Captain Ken Kucharz, DC, USNR, Company Commander

The 14th is very much in the AT season. Members have already participated in Arctic Care and Operation Express Sword. Much planning and organizing is going into Lonestar, a humanitarian venture to provide Dental Care to the Mexican immigrant population near Laredo, Texas. Several of our members have taken the opportunity of completing Leadership Training Course in a year when the Company is not tasked as a whole with a large CAX. For a year that started with only SAU's on our plate the 14th will end up with very significant participation on several exercises and our level of training for advancement will be greatly enhanced.

The 14th is trying something new in an effort to improve communication without the need for more costly site visits. I will be making monthly video tapes for each DET to be played on their drill weekend. My tapes will include current information to be passed, guest speakers, a brief from the Company Chief, and occasional surprises. The DET Chief will be encouraged to send one monthly video sharing their members and any information that they would like to pass. My plan is to rotate the DET videos to other DET's in the Company so everyone can become familiar with their colleagues. Ultimately, if this is successful, I will be asking the CO.'s of the 4th and 24th to join us. More later on that.

Semper Fi

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CORNER

By Carolann Kucharz, Battalion Key Spouse Coordinator

My thanks to those who have submitted Family Contact information. The family member/ spouse database is filling in. For those who have not sent in the necessary data, please forward this information to (DT1 Townsel, I&I) as part of your unit recall roster update that is submitted 5 workdays after your unit IDT.

Name;
Address:
Phone #
Relationship to member.

My goal of completing the database and sending an introductory letter to each family contact by the time I leave this assignment appears to be possible. Your cooperation is certainly appreciated.

BATTALION OPERATIONS (S-3)

By CDR Karen Petrella, DC, USNR, (S-3 OPS BOSS)

The exercise season is well underway. This year started off with 4th Dental Battalion personnel ably taking over duties previously performed by the active duty during EXPRESS SWORD, the 10th Marines FIREX at FT. Bragg, NC. Two dental officers and 4 dental technicians braved some inclement weather over a period of 4 weeks to treat mainly active duty Marines in the field. Thanks to their exceptional performance, EXPRESS SWORD is likely to return on the TEEP for FY99.

Following close on the heels of Express Sword was Arctic Care 98. Ten dental officers, 19 dental technicians and 2 I&I lead by CDR Floyd Campen again braved the elements to treat the civilian population in our most remote state. Ten villages were targeted by the joint service operation. Clinics operated long hours performing 9,617 procedures with a dollar value of more than $405,000. Congratulations on a **JOB WELL DONE!** to each member of the team.

CAX 7-98 is well on its way with CAX 8-98 following close behind. With temperatures vastly different from Arctic Care, OIC's CDR Dan Godbold and CDR Paul Santoyo each with a crew of 3 officers and 6 technicians will treat Reserve Marines and Sailors under very harsh field conditions. CAX always provides the opportunity for interesting field training. Have to love those green eggs! Tabasco, anyone?

Three exercises overlap each other late in the summer: Operation LONESTAR, FIREX and AOT1/2. LONESTAR, a CIV/MIL humanitarian effort was originally designed to take 1 dental officer and 2 dental technicians. The exercise, with OIC CDR Bruce Doll, has been expanded to include 6 officers, 12 enlisted technicians and one I&I. Dental and Medical personnel will be living and working in schools and community centers to treat the mainly adult civilian population in need of care at 3 colonias in the environs of Laredo, TX.

The Advance Party has their work cut out for them at the 14th Marines FIREX at FT. Carson, CO. They will have to put together Dental from the floorboards up in a generally muddy, open field. Capt Dale Nanny with 3 other officers and 6 technicians will treat the patients under rough field conditions and hope that the rains hold off this year.

AOT1/2 has had some changes this FY. Two officers and 4 enlisted technicians will treat patients after hours in clinics in Coronado and Camp Pendleton for the first week. They will then transfer to ships taking part in the amphibious training exercises and treat patients on board for the second week.

Three dental officers were able to take advantage of openings in the C-4 classes and will gain valuable and required field medical training.

The 4th Dental Battalion had the opportunity to send 2 dental officers to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to fill in for active duty dental officers making their PCS moves. Hope that happens again next year!

June has brought a change to the S-3 shop. DT1 Tucker has transferred to the S-4 shop. Many thanks to him for a JOB WELL DONE! I will miss him.

The FY 99 TEEP conference will be in July. After that time we will have a better idea of our tasking for the next exercise season. Subject to changes, of course!

24TH DENTAL COMPANY UPDATE

By CAPT Steve M. Creal, DC, USNR, Company Commander

Built on last year's successful Company IDTT, a four day exercise at Camp Lejeune was completed 17 May. Our goals of taking the Dental Forensic course and providing dentistry for our Marines were accomplished in an outstanding manner. Capt Arndt made the Forensic Course interesting, challenging and "fun". Capt Nanny's excellent planning and smooth direction kept us on time and enabled us to complete all of our goals and continue the fun. Chief Browne, the Company Chief, Chief Keene, and DT2 Bartlett were instrumental in making us comfortable and keeping us organized in the barracks and classroom. CDR Glessman organized the clinic effort so that even the Marines (patients) had fun.

I have, from the first day of being the Company Commander of the 24th DENCO, been impressed with the professionalism, devotion to duty, and can do attitude of all the 24th members I have met and with whom I have worked. Our Company IDTT enabled us to begin displaying the same qualities as a unit. Our last formation, at which we honored Chief Keene for his mega years of service to our Navy/Marine Corps Team and especially to the 24th Dental Company , was militarily impressive compared to the initial formation for our personnel inspection on the first morning. We all needed the reintroduction to military formations and close order drill that was presented by an outstanding Marine, GYSGT Smith. Once again everyone participated with enthusiasm and we all benefited from everyone's hard work. Camp Lejeune is a great place to "come together" as a Company. I'm more impressed with the professionals of the 24th and had a productive time getting to know each one of you. Thank you.

Capt Nanny has been selected as the Staff Dental Officer of REDCOM 8. He will assume those duties 1 Oct 98. He is an outstanding officer and has been a great Company XO and Detachment OIC. We'll miss him and his attention to every detail of the 24th. We expect he will be able to help us with our new challenges, especially manning and providing yearly dental exams for our Marines, in his new position. CDR Campen will also be leaving for a new billet in Oct 98. His great leadership has been imprinted on Detachment 2 in Washington DC and his replacement will have an easier time because of his work. Welcome to LCDR's Korsenes and Shields in Detachment 3. We extend a warm welcome to DT3's Owen, Riley and Wilson at HQ Detachment. These two officers and three dental techs are great additions to our Company. We are going to be welcoming more great people in the near future, especially if each one of us tells others how proud we are to serve.

Manning, readiness training, and yearly dental exams are the key areas for which we will be generating plans to attain our goals. Each member of this Dental company should know his personal readiness rating and will know how to attain at least 90% by the end of FY 99. The HQ's Detachment in Atlanta will be hosting an ATLS course in the near future and we will have space for Officers from other Detachments.

This has been a fun filled first nine months of my tour as your Company Commander. Thanks to each one of you for your support, together we'll make this an outstanding, sharp, Navy Dental Company.

Semper Fi, SM Creal, Capt, DC, USNR

FYI...

How to wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal

By CUCM(SCW) Larry G.Scott, NAVFAC Master Chief Reserve Affairs

Many Reservists have asked for clarification on how to wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal properly. Here is an update:

Appropriate wear of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" (mobilization) device and/or Hourglass can be found in NAVADMIN 301/96 DTG 311702Z DEC 96, which updates the Navy & Marine Corps Awards Manual (SECNAVINST 1650.1F).

Wearing of the AFRM requires a device attachment of the following:

Hourglass

- bronze for 10 years (shown on medal at right)
- silver for 20 years
- gold for 30 years
- gold plus bronze for 40 years

"M" device

If an "M" device is authorized, it is worn in the center of the medal with the hourglass positioned to the wearer's right. Details regarding the designated contingency to qualify for the "M" device can be found in the NAVADMIN (cited above).

Ribbon at right shows a silver hourglass (20 years) with the "M" device. Ribbon at lower right shows the "M" device.

Note: Wearing this ribbon without either the hourglass or the "M" device is no longer authorized.

NEW SURGEON GENERAL!!!

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FLAG OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced today that the President has nominated
Rear Adm. Richard A. Nelson, Senior Health Care Executive, U.S. Navy, for appointment
to the Grade of Vice Admiral and assignment as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and
Surgery and Surgeon General, Washington, D.C.  VADM (Sel.) Nelson is currently serving
as Commander Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif. VADM (Sel.) Nelson was born April
4, 1941 in Perkins, Okla.
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NAVAL HISTORY

Down the Hatch -

Here's a drinking expression that seems to have it's origins in sea freight, where cargoes are lowered into the hatch. First used by seamen, it has only been traced back to the turn of the century.

4TH DENTAL COMPANY UPDATE

The AT season is at hand for the "Fighting Fourth." We will be supporting CAX 7 & 8 this June and July, and the preparations are in the final stages. CDR Dan Godbold and CDR Paul Santoyo will be the OIC's, and have been doing an outstanding job. We had a contingent that helped support Operation Arctic Care, and everyone I talked to thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We also have 13 technicians who are obtaining NECAP training this year, and God-willing, 2 Officers will attend C-4. We just completed our Company-wide IDTT at Camp Pendleton in April. We provided dental support for 2 days, and then completed a Dental Repair course sponsored by ADEC. It was wonderful training and everyone survived the PRT.

Congratulations are in order to DTCS Letts of the Sacramento Det., and DTl Ramos on their promotions. DT2 John Rogers was honored as the Company and Battalion SOQ for the 2nd Quarter, and DT3 Ramsey received a Navy Achievement Medal for his efforts during Arctic Care. I would also like to wish the best to DT1 Heggins, who will be retiring in June, and thank him wholeheartedly for his many years of excellence in service to the United States Naval Reserve.

Captain Jim Bird

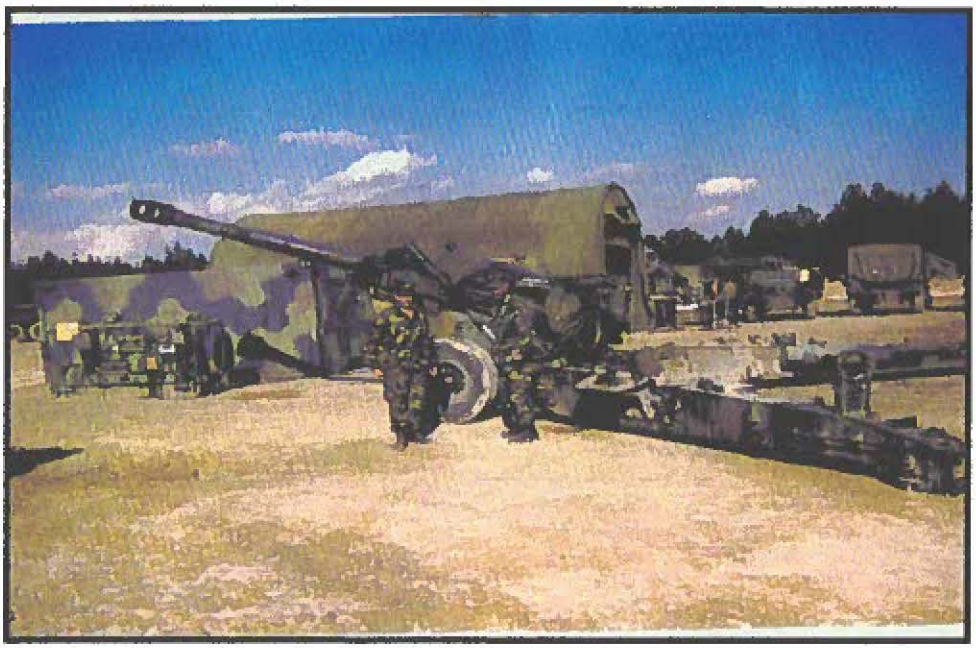
4TH DENTAL COMPANY IDTT

The Fourth Dental Company conducted its annual 4 day IDTT April 23-26, at our home away from home, Camp Pendleton. The first 2 days consisted of the entire Company providing clinical support to our active duty counterparts. Saturday consisted of an ADAL Dental Repair Course, instructed by an ADEC Representative, and proved to be the highlight of the training. ADEC provided repair manuals to all members, and demonstrated a complete troubleshooting breakdown of our ADALS delivery units. We may be able to put some of this information to use during the CAX's this year. We also did CPR training , a personnel inspection, an awards ceremony, and completed our **semi-annual** PRT as a Company. We were also fortunate enough to meet briefly with **Captain Biolo,** who was there with **CDR Petrella** attending the Landing Force Medical Staff Planning Course. I would have to say this has been our most successful IDTT yet. Everything went without a hitch, and most importantly, almost the entire Company was able to attend. The training was GREAT, and everyone had an opportunity to meet and interact with each other. Our gratitude goes to **CDR Gonzalez,** who did a superb job of organizing this terrific event.

CDR (sel.) Bill Creed

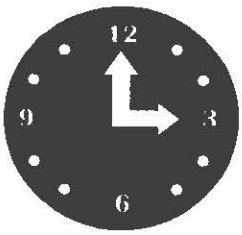
OPERATION EXPRESS SWORD 2-98
10TH MARINES FIREX FT. BRAGG, NC
14-28 MARCH 1998

DT3 Barnes (14th/DET 4), CDR Robertson (14th/DET 4), and DT2 Adams (14th/DET 4), surviving the elements during Express Sword.



DT3 Barnes and DT2 Adams refining their target practice with the 155mm howitzer.

OVERGRADE WAIVERS



All overgrade waivers currently in effect will expire 30 September 98. All members who are presently on a overgrade waiver or will need to have an overgrade waiver for FY99 will have to submit via their respective Reserve Center a overgrade waiver request. The manning of the Dental Battalion is a high priority for CNRF and MFR. Make sure you request is submitted in a timely manner. Refer to COMNAVRESFORINST 1001.5C Appendix A, Exhibit 3, Page A-7.

"CUP OF JOE"

Josephus Daniels (18 May 1862 - 15 January 1948) was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 Sailors from the Fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers' wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as a "Cup of Joe".

ON THE MOVE WITH ADALS

By LT Bill Hartmann, MSC, USN, I&I

On 15 May, DTC Farmer (I&I 4th DenCo) and DT1 Townsel (I&I HQSVCO) set out for Bessemer, Alabama to assist the local Reserve Center in providing dental exams to over 120 reserve personnel. This is the 5th such trip the Inspector Instructor Staff has embarked on since the arrival of the ADALs and x-ray equipment.

Utilizing these ADALs will be an important part of meeting the new annual dental exam requirement. In order to meet this mission you must be aware of the Marines and Sailors located within your geographical area. Become proactive in searching out those needs within Marine Reserve. You now have the ability to travel with equipment to the field. Let's be mobile.

ARCTIC CARE - 98

CDR Miller, DC, USNR, HQ DET, 24th Dental Company is shown with his new friend and companion, "Blizzard." It was during an Arctic blizzard that this 7 month old "Puppy" wandered in to the village of Kipnuk. CDR Miller inquired among the villagers about the puppy's ownership and found out that he was a stray. So..., CDR Miller and Blizzard began their friendship. Blizzard is now living with CDR Miller in Tennessee. See if you can teach him to howl "Rocky Top." The snowman seen in the picture is rumored to be a recently retired MSC Officer.

SECDEF ANNOUNCES SECNAV'S DEPARTURE

Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced today that he received notification from Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton that he intends to leave office in December 1998. "John Dalton has done a tremendous job as Secretary of the Navy, and he will be missed. He entered the office at a time of great challenge for the Navy Department, and will leave office this winter as head of the finest Navy-Marine Corps Team the world has ever known. He will leave behind a department with high morale, a strong sense of purpose and a clear vision of the future. I wish him well in his future endeavors," said Cohen. Dalton said, "I feel greatly blessed to serve as Navy Secretary. The Department of the Navy has been transformed and I am proud to have participated in that. During my nearly five years in office, it has been a privilege and an honor to work with the sailors, Marines and civilians that make up the Navy-Marine Corps Team. We have many challenges ahead of us, and my final six months in office will be focused on recruiting efforts, ratification of the Law of the Sea Treaty and development of the Navy Ethics Center. I want to thank President Clinton, and Secretaries of Defense Perry and Cohen for their support; it was also a privilege to serve under the leadership of the late Les Aspin. I have great confidence in our Navy-Marine Corps Team. We are ready for the 21st Century." Dalton intends to return to the private sector after he leaves office. He and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of two sons; John Dalton, Jr.,a Lt.j.g.in the Navy, and Chris Dalton, a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN!!!

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RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS (CMC). THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES. PASS MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE NAVY/MARINE CORPS MEDICAL TEAM AT YOUR COMMAND.
2. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE HOSPITAL CORPS ON YOUR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY. AS YOU CONTINUE TO PROUDLY SERVE WORLDWIDE IN A MYRIAD OF CHALLENGES, YOUR DEDICATED EFFORTS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE READINESS AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OUR BENEFICIARIES. WHETHER SERVING ON LAND OR AT SEA, ON FOREIGN SHORES OR IN CONUS, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS BENEFIT EVERY SAILOR AND MARINE, AND THEIR FAMILIES.
3. SINCE 1898, HOSPITAL CORPSMEN HAVE SERVED AS CARE GIVERS OFFERING COMFORT TO THE SICK AND WOUNDED DURING PEACETIME AND WAR. THE DEDICATION AND VALOR THAT ARE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOSPITAL CORPS HAVE BEEN VALIDATED BY 21 MEDALS OF HONOR, 174 NAVY CROSSES, 942 SILVER STARS, 1,554 BRONZE STARS AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER PERSONAL DECORATIONS AWARDED TO HOSPITAL CORPSMEN IN THE LAST 100 YEARS.
4. AS THE LARGEST COMMUNITY IN NAVY MEDICINE, THE NEARLY 30,000 ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVIST MEMBERS OF THIS DISTINGUISHED CORPS OF PROFESSIONALS REPRESENT NAVY MEDICINE AT ITS BEST. YOUR CORPS HAS THE GREATEST CONTACT WITH SAILORS AND MARINES WHO ARE FORWARD DEPLOYED AND IN THE GREATEST NEED OF YOUR CARE. CORPSMEN ARE OFTEN THE FIRST STAFF MEMBER A PATIENT SEES AT A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. THE LARGE NUMBER OF TECHNICAL FIELDS WITHIN YOUR CORPS ALLOWS YOU TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF ALL OUR BENEFICIARIES IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. YOU ARE TRULY THE "CORNERSTONE" OF NAVY MEDICINE AND YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD.
5. AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND NAVY MEDICINE. I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR LEGACY OF HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT AND MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. I WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AND A GLORIOUS 100 TH ANNIVERSARY.
6. NAVY SURGEON GENERAL VICE ADMIRAL HAROLD M. KOENIG, MC, USN, SENDS.//